



St John Fisher News

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Citizen of the Week

Two awards were presented at this morning's assembly as we have not been able to have Celebration Assemblies for the last two weeks. The awards went to **Alexia Houghton** in **FS2** and **Ola Dominiak** in **Y5**. Daily, both girls demonstrate that they understand that it is the simple things that make us truly happy in line with our 'Statement to Live By'. We are very proud of them both!

Forthcoming Events

This year's school calendar can be accessed via: www.st-johnfisher.org/parents/school-dates/

06-01-17	✓	School closed - disaggregated staff training day
09-01-17	✓	School reopens for the start of Term 3
13-01-17	✓	New Year Mass (led by Y6) – Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church at 9.30am
	✓	Celebration Assembly – School Hall at 2.55pm (The family and friends of Y1 pupils invited)
17-01-17	✓	Y6 visit to the Crucial Crew
19-01-17	✓	Curriculum Exhibition – School Hall at 9.05am
20-01-17	✓	Celebration Assembly – School Hall at 2.55pm (The family and friends of FS2 pupils invited)

Staff News

Today we bid farewell to Mrs Dewsnap. We thank her sincerely for all she has done for all the children in her care over the past eight years. We also thank her for all the help and support she has given to colleagues. This afternoon the community came together at the end of the day to say a special goodbye and she was presented with a farewell card and gift by the Chair of Governors, Mrs Ludlam. We wish her lots of good health and happiness in the future.

Online Safety

Here is an important message from Miss Kiernan our lead for Safeguarding Lead, Mr Smith our lead for Online Safety and our Safeguarding Link-Governor, Mrs Ramsden:

We respectfully request that parents, carers, friends and family members please do not post photographs or videos of our children wearing school uniform on open and public social media platforms. If our school logo is identifiable on clothing or book bags it will not take much time for someone to discover the whereabouts of the school, and therefore the children. Obviously we do take the safety of our pupils very seriously, and ask that you help us and support us in this matter. Thank you.

Parent Advice and Support – Drop-in Sessions

Please remember that all parents and carers can access advice and support from the MAST Parent Support Team. There are weekly drop in sessions in the school library from **8.30am on Thursday mornings** which are open to everyone.

Advice can be on a wide range of issues, from general information about services available to Sheffield parents/carers to more personal and specific advice on parenting, housing, debt- management and coping with addiction etc. If you would like an appointment please speak to Mrs Asquith. Thank you.

Advice and support
for children and
families



Contact MAST when
your family needs
some extra help

Sports Awards

This term we have focused on the value 'team work'. The sports leaders, teaching and learning staff and lunchtime supervisors have been particularly looking for children who:

- ✓ treat everyone equally
- ✓ support each other
- ✓ celebrate each other's success
- ✓ are good friends
- ✓ are positive team players in school sport and life

The individual winners for this term are were presented with a prize at this morning's Celebration Assembly:

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lola Harris-Shaw	Jessica Ball	Sophie Hemingway	Archie Saxton-Clayton	Laurie Paige	Ashleigh Sigauke	Julia Keplinska

The winning class for Term 2 was FS2. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to Mrs Broadhead and our fantastic Sports Leaders!

Skydive for St Luke's Hospice

At the end of February Mrs Broadhead will be doing a skydive in aid of St Luke's Hospice in memory of her father, Malcolm Whyte, who sadly died in September after a long and brave fight with cancer.



Mrs Broadhead made a promise to her dad shortly before he died, that she would do the jump and he was the first to sponsor her.



As a school community we want to get right behind Mrs Broadhead; partly because we know how important this is to her and partly because we also want to support St Luke's Hospice - an amazing place, which relies on charitable donations to cover a staggering 75% of its budget in order to provide care and support for the terminally ill and for those who love them.

If you would also like to get behind Mrs Broadhead (by sponsoring her rather than by pushing out of the plane) you can donate cash or cheque in an envelope marked clearly for her attention and post it in the post box in the entrance foyer or you can donate directly via her 'Just Giving' page

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Aimi-Broadhead

Thank you.

A Christmas plea from FS2

Here is a message from Mrs Darken:

If your children are lucky enough to receive a new scooter or bicycle for Christmas could I ask you to think of FS2 because we could do with some extra small balance bikes or scooters? We do not need pedal bikes though, thank you. All donated equipment will undergo a safety check prior to the children being allowed to use them and I promise that they will be well used.

We are always on the lookout for old toys or games such as cars, trains, animals, dolls, superheroes, jigsaws or puzzles. The children also love dressing up costumes, especially different boys' costumes. Please note that we do not need old Halloween costumes however. Thank you.

Hopefully you saw the photos of our amazing new 'mud kitchen' in last week's newsletter. If you have any old kitchen equipment made from metal, wood or plastic we would love to re-use to support our learning through role-play.

Also if you have a strong water holder for camping, that you no longer require, would you consider donating it to us? It will not be used for drinking water but as a means of accessing water in the new outdoor mud kitchen. Thank you in advance for your continued support. We are very grateful for any donations. Thank you.

Our Catholic Life

New Year Mass

A reminder that you are all invited to join us for a special Mass to mark the New Year on Friday 13th January 2017. It will be led by the pupils of Y6 and take place at Our Lady of Lourdes. It will start at 9.30am.

Weekly Liturgy of the Word

The Y1 Liturgy scheduled for Thursday 19th January has been cancelled because our Curriculum Exhibition is taking place that morning. So, the next liturgy will be on **Thursday 26th January 2017**, led by **FS2**. The family and friends of our **FS2** children are therefore invited to join us in the School Hall just after 9.00am on the day.

Daily Advent Class Reflections

Thank you to everyone who supported our daily class Advent reflections. It meant so much to the children and colleagues that you were able to join us.

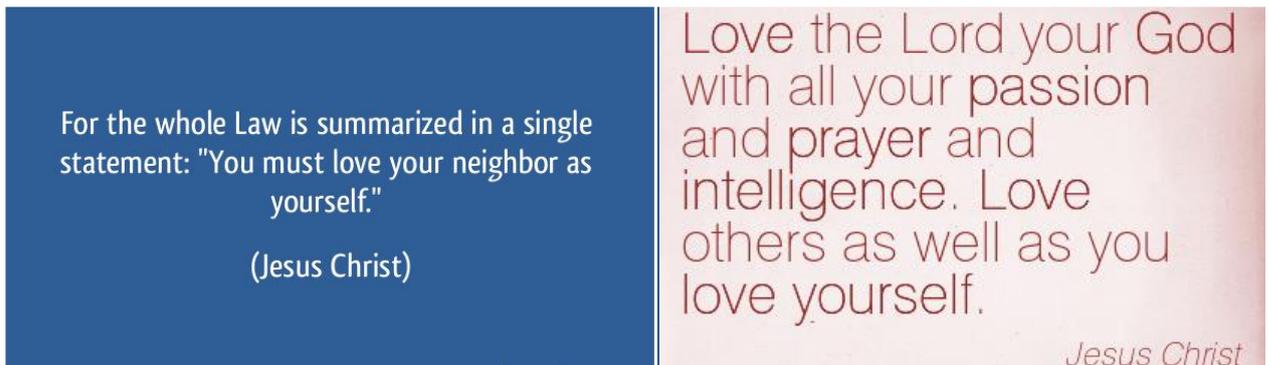
Christmas at Our Lady of Lourdes

Please check the parish website for details of Masses, confessions and services over the Christmas season. You can access the information via this link: www.ourladyoflourdessheffield.gov.uk.

Statement to Live By

When we return after the holiday our 'statement to live by' is '**I try to love others as I love myself**'

Time to talk: Why did Jesus share this as a new commandment? What would happen if everyone in the world did this? How do we try to love others as we love ourselves in our community?



Finally

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their continued hard work and dedication; the Governors, Fr Paul, the PTFA and all volunteers who help us in any way. I would like to thank you, the parents and carers for the support you give school. Finally I would like to thank our fantastic children. We really are blessed as a community with our children, they are amazing!

I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas, and I pray that you all can look forward to a very happy, prosperous and healthy new year.

Best wishes,
Mr Barratt